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	John C. Hong	3726	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40,41,48,49 and 54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 42-47 and 50-53 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 40,41,48,49 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Washington et al. (U.S. Patent 5,048,773).

Regarding Claim 40 and 54, Washington et al. disclose a lattice fin (10) for use on a fluid-born body. (Figs. 1-5)

It has been held that even though product-by-process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production, if the product in the product-by- process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process. *In re Thome*, 777F. 2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985)

Regarding Claims 41,48,49, Washington et al. disclose A method for producing a lattice fin for use on a fluid-born body, comprising the steps of: forming an interior cell structure comprising cell walls formed of metal strips arranged to define cells, the metal strips attached to adjoining metal strips to form cell wall joints; forming an outer frame around the interior cell structure; and

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forming a base on the outer frame, the base configured for pivoting attachment to the fluid-born body.(Figs 1-8; col. 2, line 6-col. 3, line 18)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-39 are allowed.
4. Claims 42-47,50-53 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Plym (U.S. Patent 1,335,527) teaches an aeroplane rudder structure.

Halsted et al. (U.S. Patent 3,135,203) teach rocket fin.

Bauer (U.S. Patent 5,501,414) teaches structure having an aerodynamic structure for an aircraft.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John C. Hong whose telephone number is 703-305-0779. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(07:00-16:30)First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 703-308-1784. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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